

Warragul Uniting Church

Keeping

in

Touch

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*...with each other,
my eyes and heart
focussed on the
hope and love of
Jesus for me and
everyone.*

Sometimes we need to do something different from the usual routine...**here's an idea**...write down the names of the people who usually sit near you at church...if you are not a regular church goer, make a list of the names of the people you know who attend church...any church! Phone some of them just to talk about how they are coping with the restrictions. What they find difficult and what has been easy? Perhaps you are rediscovering an interest that had faded...gardening, work around the home, handcraft, hobby, getting that 'job' done that you have been putting off, and so on. You may discover some ideas that you had not thought about as you share a conversation...just keeping in touch! We can't get together in a group but we can talk with each other.

Our new Minister. We are still 'on track' for Rev Ian and Mrs Marjery Brown to move to the Warragul manse in late October. I am grateful for the work that is being done at the manse...the new hand rail, neatening and making the paved area safer...and planning for some work on the garden. There will be some weeding and replacing of plants needed at a later stage. John Currie is the convenor of the Property Committee so he will be the 'go to' person for information about this work. Future copies of KiT will let you know what needs to be done and how you might be able to assist.

Have a look at this!!! Having been a school teacher, I am usually reasonable good at finding 'typos' in other people's work, but not too good a finding them in my own! So...the rest of this part of KiT has not been corrected. See how many 'typos' you can find! No prioze...just a bit of fun. Joy and I have been enjoying watchg further empisodes of 'The Repair Schop' om Channel 2 at 5.10pm Mon to Fri. People bring loved family treasures that are in drastic need of repoai and the results are amazing. Send me an email with the trolal number of 'typos' that you can find that you can find.

25 at Worship via Zoom...last Sunday, by my count. The Service was conducted meaningfully and reflectively by Eric Smith with Jan Maclean looking after the music input for the hymns, Nick Peck, Glenys Derbyshire and Mary Morison reading the prayers. David Morison might now be the 'controller' and 'manager' as he sets up and runs the Zoom meeting. Thanks to everyone who 'attended' this worship.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS: You are aware, from the media, that the COVID19 pandemic and the subsequent restrictions are resulting in people who are feeling overwhelmed and in contrast people who have discovered new ways of engaging in life with a sense of excitement. It is clear that many people are having significant difficulties coping. We see this particularly in an increased level of domestic violence, alcohol consumption (not unrelated to increase in domestic violence) and gambling. On the other hand we see and read about people who have done such things as developed new interests, renewed former interests and begun to look at things differently. Part of this may be circumstances, mindset, frustration, being prepared to 'have a go'! So in our prayers let's remember people who are doing it tough and those who have found new ways to manage. Some of these people may be members of our own town and congregation. Also, the people facing medical issues and those who care for them, those in hospital, some struggling with treatment, members of the family who are unable to visit.

If you know **any member of our congregation who is not receiving a copy of KiT and the weekly service** please contact the Church Office so that their name can be added to the list. We have attempted to include everyone but sometimes people do miss out. This can happen when a person is no longer able to receive copies via email and needs a hand delivered or posted copy and the Church office has not been informed.

How good are you at 'eye spotting'? With people wearing masks, all you can see of the face are the eyes...how are you going with recognizing people? *'I think that is 'Joan' behind that mask, but I'm not sure'* might go through your mind. One member of the congregation said hello to me in the supermarket with the comment...*'at last I've found someone that I recognise by the eyes!'*

CROSSLIGHT... a reminder that this current edition is an electronic copy. It is available only online and can be seen on the Warragul Uniting Church Website. It is a full colour edition of over 40 pages so it is not feasible to print.

ZOOM get together each Sunday at 11am...there is an invitation to be part of this in the notes from David that accompany every week's distribution of information...OR...send David an email for an invitation. Last week's get together included:



ZOOM Worship including Holy Communion will be at 10am on **Sunday 6th September** which is also Father's Day...more information to come next week.

Peace and blessing,

Des Parker

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